

SITE PREP

- ◆ Protect nearby inlets if pressure washing or blasting techniques are used to remove old paint.
- ◆ Contain any pressure washing runoff with a wet/dry vac or install a berm to capture water then sweep debris after water has evaporated.
- ◆ Sweep up all dry paint chips and dispose of in the garbage. Lead based paint chips can become a hazardous waste.

Use a wet/dry vacuum to contain contaminated water from pressure washing. This water can then be dumped onsite in a dirt/vegetated area — pollutants will then need to be swept up and disposed of in the trash after water has evaporated.

Alternately, you may contact Colorado Springs Utilities to get permission to dump the water in an (indoor) sanitary sewer drain.



CLEANUP



- ◆ If your project cannot be completed in one sitting, store brushes and rollers in plastic bags to be used again the next day.
- ◆ For **water based paints**— paint out brushes as much as possible (ex: wipe out on cardboard) then rinse equipment in the sink.
- ◆ All dry, water based paint residue can be disposed of in the trash.
- ◆ For **oil based paints**— clean equipment with paint thinner then filter thinner for reuse at a later time.
- ◆ Dispose of oil based paints and thinners at the El Paso County Hazardous Waste Facility.

ADDITIONAL TIPS!

- ✦ NEVER dump paint or rinse water in the street or inlets!
- ✦ When in doubt, contact the El Paso County Hazardous Waste Facility or City Stormwater!



Consider a disposable washout for construction sites



WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Storm Drain Systems are Separate from Wastewater Systems



- In Colorado Springs the **storm sewer system** leads directly to our streams and creeks. The **sanitary sewer system** is treated by the utility company before it is released to our waterways.
- Any pollutant that reaches a storm sewer inlet is considered an illicit discharge, which could lead to a fineable offense.
- Paints and solvents contain pollutants that are harmful to aquatic life.

Keep it clean because we're all downstream!



RESOURCES

Residential

El Paso County Household
Hazardous Waste Facility

3255 Akers Dr.
Colorado Springs, CO 80922
719-520-7878

[communityservices.elpasoco.com/
environmental-division/
household-hazardous-waste/](http://communityservices.elpasoco.com/environmental-division/household-hazardous-waste/)

Commercial

Waste Management
1-800-963-4776



Report Spills & Dumping
For Clean Waterways

Report spills and dumping to the
Spill Hotline

719-491-6096

Learn more at:
<https://coloradosprings.gov/stormwater>

Paint Disposal and Cleanup Guide



Learn How to Properly Dispose of Waste



Report Spills & Dumping
For Clean Waterways

719-385-5980

<https://coloradosprings.gov/stormwater>